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Subject: Governor's Statewide Youth Council



Dear Colleague,

I write to inform you of an exciting opportunity for youth to participate in state government.

The Governor's Office of Community Affairs is actively accepting applications for membership in the Governor's Statewide Youth Council. Founded in 2008, the goal of the Council is to encourage the Commonwealth's young people to take on an active leadership role in their communities and give them a greater voice in state government. The Youth Council acts an advisory body to the Governor and our Administration with a focus on youth-related issues such as education, youth violence, economic development and civic engagement. This past January, Youth Council members hosted "No Name Calling Day" in dozens of communities across the Commonwealth to continue the work of Governor Patrick's historic anti-bullying legislation.

The Governor's Office will select 28 young people to represent the Commonwealth's 14 counties – two representatives per county. Youth Council applicants should be passionate, motivated, emerging leaders between the ages of 14 and 20 with an interest in public service. Responsibilities will include: attending monthly meetings and conference calls, advocating for youth issues and incorporating the ideas of other youth and young adults into the creation of effective policy.

Youth can apply to serve on the Council by submitting an application available at www.mass.gov/governor/youthcouncil by Friday, May 25, 2012. A selection committee will review applications and select the 28 members, who will then be notified via mail. For additional information, please contact the Office of Community Affairs at 617-725-4020.

Please forward the attached application to your network to help us reach as many young people as possible. Thank you, in advance, for your support and enthusiasm.

I look forward to welcoming the new members of the 2012-2014 Youth Council.

Sincerely,

William "Mo" Cowan
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor